



### **Birthdays**

Chris Ayers 10/4 Chris Hayes 10/6 Bubba Holladay 10/6 Travis Bryant 10/8 Hunter Fite 10/11 Zach Fleenor 10/12 Thomas McAdoo 10/15 Taylor Lasseter 10/20 Kevin Leonard 10/20 Anthony Cayll 10/23 Blake Insell 10/23 Jon Parsons 10/25 Josh Parsons 10/25 Joe Barrett 10/26 Brian Creager 10/28 Tony Lehew 10/31



# MILLER AND VINSON RECEIVE COMMENDATION FROM STATE OF TENNESSEE FIREFIGHTING COMMISSION

Murfreesboro Fire Department Training Coordinators Nicole Miller and Billy Vinson were recently commended by the State of Tennessee Commission on Firefighting for their efforts as evaluators at a Commission sponsored practical exam. The letter, signed by Director Terry Woody, stated, "The effort to serve as an evaluator is a time well spent and something to be rewarded. The firefighter gains a tremendous amount of knowledge in his/[her] service as an evaluator. The evaluator gets to work with other members of the fire service, honing his/[her] firefighting skills through the examination process, and learning valuable lessons which can serve him/[her] through his/[her] ability to serve as an instructor." Congratulations Billy and Nicole, for a job well done!

### 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB BY: MFD DRIVER CHRIS MIKOLON

The 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb was first held in Denver, Colorado in 2005. The Stair Climb has served as a commemorative event for firefighters to let the world know that "we will never forget." (firehero.org/stairclimb) This year Nashville had its first 9/11 memorial stair climb which was a huge success. Firefighters from 9 different states showed up to support those who had fallen in the line of duty including folks from New York and New Jersey. The event raises money through donations and registration fees for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The event is very symbolic with 343 firefighters, climbing 110 stories wearing full turn-out gear, carrying equipment and a photo of a deceased FDNY firefighter to the top. With each step the picture's lanyard swings side to side reminding us of their sacrifice to their community by putting others first.

We had two teams from our department. Each team had six members that had to stay together throughout the climb. If someone started to fall a little short, another team member would step-up and help his brother when needed. Both teams finished strong. All team members finished in full gear and with all equipment.

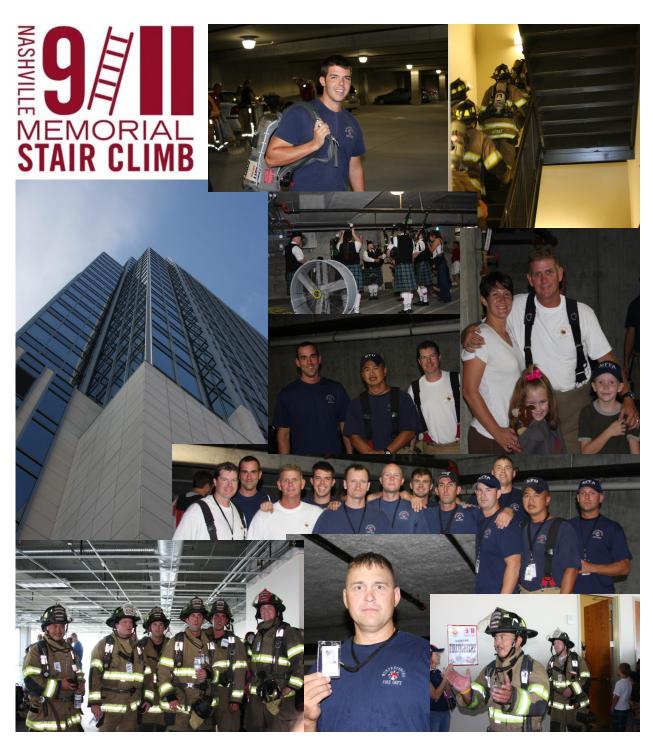
It really is beyond words and description unless you were there to experience the pride and camaraderie of the event. I would like to encourage all MFD personnel to consider being a participant in future 9/11 stair climb events and show that "we will never forget."

We were extremely proud to represent MFD in a sea of departments from all across the eastern half of the United States. We would like to thank fire administration for permission to use our equipment to participate in this event.

#### MFD Participants:

Team 8Team 31Jamie BigelowChris AyersJames BryantLogan GillKarl DaigleBritt GammonZach FleenorMike MeeksIsrael MarcellaDavid FrostChris MikolonTerry Smith

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October Anniversaries

#### 33 YEARS

William Murray Larry Shelton

#### 32 YEARS

Joe Barrett

#### 31 YEARS

Ken Honeycutt

#### 22 YEARS

Daryl Alexander
Billy Sauls
Troy Thomas
Carol Whitaker

#### 13 YEARS

Alvin Brandon Jason Hayes Josh Oliver Raymond Smith

#### 6 YEARS

James Bryant Nicole Miller Charles Powell

#### 4 YEARS

Josh Jackson Al Jakes

#### 3 YEARS

Lucas Dearden Andy Smithson

## FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH SEPT 2010



Captain Tracy Summar has been named Firefighter of the Month for September 2010. He has received this honor for his work with departmental uniforms and for assisting with the placement of the loose equipment on the new Ladder 6. Summar has been with the de-

partment since September 1994. Congratulations Tracy, on this wonderful accomplishment!

# JACKSON MURRAY JONES

SON OF BO AND JEANIE

BORN: SEPT. 1, 2010

AT 8 LBS / 2 OZ 19 1 / 4" LONG

### Cason Michael Farrar

Son of Alan and Christy

BORN: SEPT. 16, 2010

AT 8 LBS / 6 OZ 20" LONG